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Prof. Gray

My Dear Sir -

I think you mentioned in one of your letters that you wanted Curios. I am not quite certain - But if so, would not this be the best time for sending them, when so many are in fruit? There would be no trouble I suspect as to their living - The *Strigium* I have found again this year. I enclose a flower which I have just taken from the press - I found the plant when a student in College, in company with Prof. Darcy - but since that time till this Spring I have

not found it - I will send
you some in the fall -

I notice that your Botany
says of the pedicels of the two
species of *Actaea* - When a
Student in College I found spec-
imens both thickened pedicels but
red berries - The berries here in
all respects, so far as I can
now remember like the able of
except the color - & that was pen-
cillings of deep red - In New-
foundland I found the *Actaea*
growing in great abundance,
I saw hundreds if not thousands
of specimens with both white
& red berries, but not a single
plant with thickened pedicels,
The white berries here in all re-
spects, form, size, seed like the
red - Is it not likely that the

pedicel & structure of the berry are
the constant characters of the two
species & that there are two
varieties as to color in each spe-
cies? I shall endeavor to
find & find some red fruit
with thickened pedicels this
season - if so I will send some

I am exceedingly obliged for
your kind invitation - I shall
accept it with pleasure when
I am in Cambridge, &
hope in time that you will
have leisure & inclination
& stroll away among
the hills of Berkshire,
I remain my friend -
Most truly yours

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